

REMARKS

Claims in the case are 1-5, 9, 10, 12, 15 and 19-22.

Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of the claims presently pending in the case.

Applicants wish to point to a typographical error in item 2 (The allowed claims(s) is/are) on the Notice of Allowability sheet, in which,

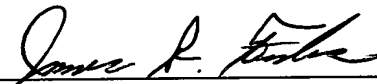
"1-10, 12, 15 and 18-22"

should be replaced with

--1-5, 9, 10, 12, 15 and 19-22--.

Claims 6 and 7 were cancelled in a Preliminary Amendment dated 21 December 2000. Claim 8 was cancelled in an Amendment dated 12 July 2002. Claim 18 was cancelled in the Preliminary Amendment dated 21 December 2000.

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